

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended and claim 5 is added in order to recite the deleted feature from claim 2.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 4. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been amended into independent form.

A certified copy of the priority document, French Patent Application No. 0102597 was filed in parent Application No. 10/080,548 on June 3, 2002. In order for the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the priority document as having been received in the parent Application (box 12), a), 2 of Form PTOL-326), Applicants herein enclose a copy of the date-stamped receipt (that confirms that a priority document was filed on June 3, 2002 in the parent application) and a first page of the priority document (that confirms that a copy of the French Patent Application No. 0102597 was filed). It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document in the parent application.

Claim 1 was objected to based on an informality. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended responsive to the objection. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Wooldridge et al. (Wooldridge), U.S. Patent No. 6,086,230. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Wooldridge fails to disclose a framing that includes a housing, as recited in claim 1.

Page 4 of the Office Action asserts that claim 1 does not specifically recite that the housing is part of the framing of a window. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to clarify this feature. Wooldridge discloses a high mount dual lamp, wherein the housing (that is open toward the inside and outside of the vehicle) is fixed to the roof of the vehicle by bolts instead of being included in the framing of the window 23 (Fig. 2). Accordingly, Wooldridge fails to disclose a framing that includes a housing, as recited in claim 1.

Wooldridge also fails to disclose a periphery of a window that is connected in a sealed manner to an outside edge of the framing, as recited in claim 1. In Wooldridge, the outside edge of the housing is not connected in a sealed manner to the window 23 because the outside edge of the housing is not connected to the window 23 when the door 22 is open (the housing is fixed to the roof of the vehicle by bolts).


Wooldridge also fails to disclose a housing that is arranged to receive a light source in such a manner so as to enable the light source to emit light out from the housing both towards the outside and towards the inside of the vehicle, as recited in claim 1. Instead, Wooldridge discloses two light sources 24, 26. As disclosed in Fig. 2 of Wooldridge, one light source 24 emits light toward the outside of the vehicle and the second light source 26 emits light toward the inside of the vehicle. As shown in Fig. 2, the two light sources 24, 26 are separated by a wall, thus preventing a light source from emitting light both towards the inside and outside of the vehicle. Wooldridge suffers deficiencies in that two light sources are used to emit light both towards the inside and outside of the vehicle.

In view of the foregoing, Wooldridge fails to disclose all of the features recited in claim 1, as well as additional features recited in claim 2. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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